

properly a violet, but a lily.
If you find the small yellow
violet next spring take par-
ticular note of its time of
blooming, & of its odor, if
you can detect any.

I shall have something more
to say on the subject in
the May Leisure's.— am
glad you are interested
in the matter, & also that
you have found something
to like in my writings.

Very truly

John Burroughs

Esopus N.Y.

Feb. 26th 1880

Dear Sir;

I have recd your
letter of the 19th inst.

I think you are in
error in supposing Bryant
meant the dog's tooth violet,
or adder's tongue. He evidently
meant V. Rotundifolia, to
which he gave the perfume
of V. blanda. The Erythra-
nium is not quite so
early, it has no perfume
with me, & it is not